

Field and Gar'en.

Salt for Fruit Trees.

Dowling, in his valuable work on Fruit and Fruit Trees, speaks of the application of salt to peach trees as a very efficient agent for the destruction of the peach worm. He says: "In a neighborhood where the peach worm usually destroys one-half of the peach trees, we have seen them preserved in the healthiest condition by the annual application of a handful of coarse salt, about the collar of the tree at the surface of the ground."

These remarks have been suggested by the conviction of Jenkins, white, and J. Morris, black, for the violation of Miss Ford's patent, sharp, swift, red-handed and Inexorable should overtake the perpetrators of such deeds, and the rude justice of the lawbooks might, for deeds such as those of which we speak, be introduced with salutary effect into the social policy of the whole land.

But where emphasis of this class find few

salt enough and time enough to bring them unchanged before the courts, then they should be tried with a determination, if found guilty, that the penalty of the law shall be inflicted.

This takes with my experience exactly. A few years since, having some young peach trees which did not present as healthful an appearance as desirable, and having a small quantity of refuse salt on hand, I resolved to apply it to some of the unthrifty trees. The change wrought in the appearance and condition of the trees to which salt was applied was very remarkable. The foliage assumed a dark green color, and the growth that followed was very gratifying. Without being aware until recently of the suggestion of Mr. Dowling, I continued the use of the salt, and with the same happy result, and am confident in the belief that peach-growers will find it to their advantage to adopt the method which I have found to operate so well. Whether the vigor of the trees is due to the destruction of the worms, or whether the action of the salt, which experienced horticulturists tell us promotes the verdure and luxuriance of fruit trees, I am not prepared to say.—*Our Fruit Gardener*

On the Changes which Result from Draining.

On the changes which take place for the better, after the drainage of wet soils, we present the following brief and satisfactory article from *Norton's Elements*:

When the drain is made and covered, (for I always mean covered drains), the water which falls upon the ground does not remain to stagnate, and does not run away over the surface, wash off the beat of the soil, but sinks gradually down, yielding to the roots of the plants any fertilizing matter which it may contain, and often washing out some hurtful substances; as it descends, air, and consequently warmth follow at, Under these new influences the proper decomposition and preparation of compounds fit for the sustenance of plants go on, the soil is sufficiently dry, and plants flourish which formerly never would grow on it in perfection, if at all. It is a curious fact, too, that such soils stand drier better than it ever did before. The reason is, that the plants are able to send their roots much farther down in search of food, without finding anything hurtful. Every part being penetrated with air, and consequently dried and lighter, these soils do not bake in summer, but remain mellow and porous. Such effects cannot, in their full extent, be looked for in a stiff clay during the first season; the change must be gradual, but it is sure.

Sweet Potato Seed from the Bloom.

Collin Wood, in the "Plow, Loom Anvil," says he raised, for three years past, sweet potatoes of better quality than usual in the following way: the yam potato vine blooms in August; about a month thereafter they form a pod; the pods are formed of about the size of sage and of the same color. The pods should be noticed and gathered when ripe, or else they will soon drop.

In the spring, in the usual time of sowing the seed, I sow them in the same way I sow cabbage seed. They do not come up quite as soon, but will continue doing so during spring. The plant is small and delicate in appearance, and should be drawn in a wet season, with a little dirt attached to it, and transplanted. The leaf and vine have a different appearance from the potato—will be found to grow larger and smoother than usual. I prefer this method, after satisfactory practice in raising the potato, to any other.

Thinning Out Fruit.

The following items are copied from the editorial columns of the German-American Telegraph, July 15th:

"Thin out your pears where they overbear, removing every knotty and wormy specimen. There are some varieties that grow in clusters, and do not generally over-bear—from these the wormy or worthless ones only should be removed; but where the trees are not too large to manage, and are not mischievous, no two specimens should be allowed to touch, as they are almost certain to become wormy and both are lost. Many persons, not well acquainted with fruit-raising, hesitate to thin out their trees, on the ground that the crop will be diminished. This may be possibly, but not positively true, if the fruit is intended to be fed to the pigs. But even should it be otherwise true sometimes, who would not prefer to have one bushel of large, healthy, juicy pears, to five bushels with probably half a peck among the whole fit to put upon your table or send to market?

SUNFLOWERS.—Sow seeds of this in places in fence corners and out of the way places; gather the seed when ripe, it is good for poultice, and will be an infallible cure for foals in horses. The Essex Farmer says: "Immediately on discovering your horse is foundered, mix about a pint of the whole seed in its food, and it will perfect a cure." It is well to feed it in small quantities to horses occasionally, as it gives the hair softness and gloss. It is well worth your attention.

CLEANING KNIVES.—A correspondent of the *Country Gentleman* says: "A small clean point, with the end cut off, is a convenient medium of applying brick dust to knives, keeping it about the right moisture, while the juice of the potato assists in removing stains from the surface. We can get a polish by this method better than by any other we have tried, and with less labor."

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